The Hongkong Telegraph.

No. 3384 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 1893. SIX DOLLARS PER QUARTER

Banks.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital.....£1,000,000
Subscribed Capital.....£ 500,000

HEAD OFFICE:—HONGKONG.

Court of Directors:—

D. Gillies, Esq. | ChowTung Shang, Esq.
Chan Kit Shan, Esq. | W. Wotton, Esq.
C. J. Hirst, Esq. | Kwan Hoi Chuen, Esq.

Chief Manager,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR.

Branches.—London, Yokohama, Shanghai, Amoy and Foochow.

BANKERS:—
The Commercial Bank of Scotland.
Parrs Banking Co., and The Alliance Bank (Ld.)

Interest for 12 months Fixed, 5 per Cent.
" 6 " " 4 "
" 3 " " 3 "
CURRENT ACCOUNTS 2 "
Hongkong, 12th December, 1892. [8

THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL£2,000,000
CAPITAL CALLED-UP.....£ 251,093.15.0
RESERVE FUND£ 223,629.13.7

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
Wm. Keswick, Esq.—Chairman.
Adolf von André, Esq. | F. D. Sassoon, Esq.
Egbert Iveson, Esq. | H. D. Stewart, Esq.
David McLean, Esq.

HONGKONG COMMITTEE:
The Hon. C. P. Chater. | The Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving.
H. Hoppius, Esq.

Head Office—3, Princes Street, London.
Branches—Bombay, Calcutta, Hongkong, and Shanghai.
Agencies—Penang, Singapore, and Yokohama.

RATES OF INTEREST,
ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS and Fixed Deposits, can be ascertained on application.

CHANTREY INCHBALD,
Manager.
Hongkong, 6th February, 1893. [199

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED,
LATE
THE CHARTERED MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LONDON AND CHINA.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL£1,600,000
SUBSCRIBED£1,125,000

BANKERS:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

INTEREST ALLOWED on CURRENT ACCOUNTS at the Rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the Daily Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 12 Months.....5 per cent.
" 6 " 4 "
" 3 " 3 "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong
Hongkong, 4th February, 1893. [192

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the half-year ending 31st December, 1892, at the rate of (£1) One Pound Sterling per Share of $125 is PAYABLE on and after TUESDAY, the 28th instant, at the Offices of the CORPORATION, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors.
F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 27th February, 1893 [272

CHINA MERCHANTS' STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S DEBENTURE LOAN OF 1886.

13TH DRAWING.

INTEREST DUE and DRAWN BONDS of this LOAN will be PAYABLE at the OFFICES of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on and after the 1st day of March, 1893.

Lists of Drawn Bonds can be obtained on application to the Undersigned.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
Agents issuing the Loan,
F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 28th February, 1893. [277

Intimations.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE OFFICES of this Company are REMOVED to the 2nd Floor of Messrs. SHEWAN & Co.'s Buildings No. 9, PRAYA CENTRAL.

W. H. WALKER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 28th February, 1893. [275

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION,

THE NEXT COMPETITION will take place on SATURDAY, the 4th March, when Mr. SASSOON'S CUP will be Shot for. Ranges, 200 and 300 yards.

ED. ROBINSON,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1893. [51

BANGKOK IRON WORKS COMPANY, (IN LIQUIDATION.)

THE PREMISES and PLANT of the above named Company will be offered for SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION on the PREMISES, at 2 P.M., on the 1st March, 1893, if not previously disposed of by PRIVATE CONTRACT.

Particulars as to PLANT, CONDITIONS of LEASE, &c., can be obtained on application to this OFFICE of this paper.

JNO. MACLEAN,
Liquidator.
Bangkok, 30th January, 1893. [143

Insurance.

£1,000 STG. Payable at Age 55, or at death if previous—may be secured by a payment at the rate of:—

£ 7 7 6 { per quarter if commenced at age (n. b.) 20
£ 8 14 2 25
£10 11 2 30
£13 4 10 35
£17 15 8 40
£27 12 6 45

AFTER the Policy has been three years in force—the Policy-holder will be entitled to receive on application a Free Paid-up Policy for proportionate amount of the Sum Assured, as explained in Prospectus, should he wish to discontinue payment of premiums.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents, Hongkong
679—2] STANDARD LIFE OFFICE.

GENERAL NOTICE.

THE ON TAI INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

CAPITAL, TAELS 600,000, EQUAL TO $833,333.32.
RESERVE FUND $318,000.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
LEE SING, Esq. | LO YEUK-MOON, Esq.
LOU TSO SHUN, Esq.

MANAGER.—HO AMEI.

MARINE RISKS on GOODS, &c., taken at CURRENT RATES to all parts of the world.

HEAD OFFICE, 8 & 9, PRAYA WEST.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1885. 869

NOTICE.

THE MAN ON INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

CAPITAL SUBSCRIBED.....$1,000,000

The above Company is prepared to accept MARINE RISKS at CURRENT RATES on GOODS, &c. Policies granted to all Parts of the world payable at any of its Agencies.

WOO LIN YUEN,
Secretary.
HEAD OFFICE,
No. 2, QUEEN'S ROAD WEST.
Hongkong, 21st February, 1893. [173

STRAITS FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of this COMPANY will be held at the Head Office, SINGAPORE, on FRIDAY, the 17th March, at NOON.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 3rd to 17th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
WM. MACBEAN,
Agent,
Hongkong Branch.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1893. [242

Intimations.

NAVAL CONTRACTS, 1893-4.

SEALED TENDERS in Duplicate will be received at the R. N. HOSPITAL until 10 A.M. on WEDNESDAY, the 15th March, 1893, from Persons desirous of SUPPLYING BEEF, MUTTON, FOWLS, BREAD, PURE COW'S MILK, AERATED WATERS, ICE and other PROVISIONS and NECESSARIES for the year ending 31st March, 1894.

Sealed Tenders in Duplicate will also be received for the Hospital Washing.

Printed Forms of Tender and further Particulars can be obtained at the R. N. Hospital.

The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

A. TURNBULL,
Dep. Inspector-General.
R. N. Hospital,
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1893. [57

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 6 PER CENT. per Share for the Six months ending 31st December, 1892, DECLARED at Tuesday's Ordinary Yearly Meeting, will be PAYABLE at the Premises of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, on and after WEDNESDAY, the 1st March, and Shareholders are requested to apply for Dividend Warrants at the Company's Office, No. 14, Praya Central.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 28th February, 1893. [276

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICE of the COMPANY, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 20th March, 1893, at 12.30 o'clock P.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 20th March, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 28th February, 1893. [279

KÉBAO,
SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME FRANÇAISE.
CAPITAL 4,000,000 FRANCS.

LA SOCIÉTÉ KÉBAO (TONKIN), dont l'extraction prend tous les jours de l'importance et qui est seule FOURNISSEUR DE LA MARINE FRANÇAISE AU TONKIN, dont le Charbon, est brûlé d'une façon régulière à bord des Steamers des MESSAGERIES MARITIMES, et en particulier, à bord du *Haiphong*, voulant introduire ses Charbons sur la place de Hongkong a confié le soin de son Agence à la maison

SHEWAN & Cie.,
Praya Central, Hongkong
à partir du 1er. Novembre, 1892.
Le Directeur Général de Kébao.
HENRY PORTAL.
Kébao, le 12 Decembre, 1892. [42

Intimations.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.

WILLS' FIREFLY CIGARETTES.

WILLS' THREE CASTLE CIGARETTES.

THE BEST CIGARETTES IN THE MARKET.

KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1893. [7

HONGKONG RACES 1893!

RACING  SADDLES

3 LBS. 4 LBS.

BRIDLES, RACING REINS, WEIGHT-CLOTHS, STIRRUP WEBS.
JOCKEY WHIPS,
RACING SPURS, SADDLE-CLOTHS, CLOTHING AND SADDLERS SUNDRIES of all Kinds.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, 10th February, 1893 [1071

CENTRAL HOTEL, SHANGHAI.

THIS long established SELECT Family Hotel, situated on the Bund, facing the river, in the centre of the Settlements, has lately undergone extensive alterations, and is now fitted with the latest modern improvements, including Bath and Dressing Rooms ATTACHED to Suites and Single Rooms, with hot and cold water laid on, DOUCHE, SHOWER SPRAYS, etc., and heated to a comfortable temperature during winter,

SEPARATE ROOMS FOR PRIVATE DINNER PARTIES, &c.

The Electric Lighting now partly laid on will be completed during this year, 1893.

An Assistant will attend on Passengers by Mail Steamers.

N.B.—TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:—"CENTRAL, SHANGHAI."

F. E. REILLY,
PROPRIETOR.
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W. POWELL & CO.

COIR MATTINGS.
COIR MATTINGS.
COIR MATTINGS.

COIR DOOR MATS. COIR DOOR MATS.
LINOLEUMS AND FLOOR OILCLOTHS.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1893 [6

W. ROBINSON & Co.

(UNDER HONGKONG HOTEL) HONGKONG.

PIANO TUNING.

SATISFACTORY WORK GUARANTEED.

SINGLE TUNING$ 5.00.
6 TUNINGS A YEAR.....$25.00 PER ANNUM.
12 do. do.$48.00 do.

INCLUDING MINOR REPAIRS AND THE KEEPING OF THE PIANO IN GOOD ORDER AND CONDITION.

PIANOS BOUGHT, SOLD OR TAKEN IN EXCHANGE, PACKED, REMOVED AND STORED.

Hongkong, 14th February, 1893. [581

THE

HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS, "Kremlin"—A. B. C. Code.—TELEPHONE, No. 32.

PROPRIETORS.....THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL—the most commodious and best appointed Hotel in the Far East—affords unequalled accommodation to travellers and others. It is situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, adjacent to Pedder's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony) and in close proximity to the Banks and Shipping Offices.

The HOTEL STEAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.

THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy, the *cuisine* being under experienced supervision.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining Bath-rooms, are airy and well ventilated, open to spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with electric communicators.

The Reading, Writing and Smoking Rooms, Ladies' Drawing Rooms, the new Bar and public BILLIARD ROOMS (Six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

A handsomely appointed GRILL ROOM, where chops, steaks, &c., are served at any hour adjoins the HOTEL, and is under the same Management.

The WINES & SPIRITS are selected by an Expert and the BEST BRANDS only are supplied.

HYDRAULIC ASCENDING ROOMS of the latest and tripet approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrance Hall to each of the five floors above.

NIGHT PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

E. TUCKER
Manager.
Hongkong, 12th February, 1892. [196

Notices of Firms.

A. E. SKEELS & Co.,

Telegraphic Address "SOBRINOS," Hongkong
(A.B.C. Code 4th Edition.)

AUCTIONEERS, VALUERS & COMMISSION MERCHANTS:
No. 17, PRAYA CENTRAL,
Under Messrs. Douglas Lapraik & Co.'s Offices.
Hongkong, 31st January, 1893. [170

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
USEFUL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

TO-MORROW
(THURSDAY), 2nd of March, 1893,
AT 2.30 P.M.,
AT
SALES ROOMS, 17, PRAYA CENTRAL,
Comprising:—

PLUSH and TAPESTRY DRAWING-ROOM SUITES, DINING TABLES, MARBLE-TOP and other TABLES, OVERMANTELS, SIDEBOARDS, DINNER WAGGONS, SINGLE and DOUBLE WARDROBES, CHESTS of DRAWERS, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS, DRESSING TABLES, DOUBLE and SINGLE IRON BEDSTEADS, WIRE & HAIR MATTRESSES, PICTURES, CROCKERY, GLASSWARE, ELECTRO PLATE, CUTLERY, COOKING STOVES, FENDERS and FIRE IRONS,
&c., &c., &c.

On view on Wednesday and Thursday A.M.
SALE TERMS.—Cash on delivery.

SATURDAY next, March 4th, 1893,
AT 12 NOON.

FLANNELS, BLANKETS, HOSIERY, WINES, CIGARS, PEAK FREAN & Co.'s BISCUITS and SUNDRY STORES.

A. E. SKEELS & Co.,
Auctioneers & Valuers.
Sales Rooms, 17, Praya Central,
Hongkong, 25th February, 1893. [265

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION
ON
FRIDAY, the 3rd day of March, 1893,
commencing at 2.30 P.M.,
at his SALES ROOMS, Queen's Road,
THE STOCK-IN-TRADE
OF
WING TUNG CHEONG, FURNITURE DEALER SHOP.
Comprising:—

VELVET and TAPESTRY COVERED DRAWING ROOM SUITES.
MARBLE-TOP TABLES. BEVELLED-GLASS OVERMANTELS, PICTURES and ORNAMENTS.
CARPETS and HEARTH RUGS.
DINING TABLE, SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED-GLASS BACK, DINNER WAGGONS, CHEFFONIERS and VIENNA CHAIRS.
CROCKERY, GLASS and PLATED WARE.
DESKS, WRITING TABLES, GLASS BOOK CASE and COPYING PRESS.
DOUBLE and SINGLE IRON BEDSTEADS.
DOUBLE and SINGLE WARDROBES with BEVELLED-GLASS DOORS, CHEST of DRAWERS, MARBLE-TOP BUREAU with BEVELLED-GLASS, DRESSING TABLES and MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS.
COOKING STOVES,
&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE:—As customary.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 27th February, 1893. [267

PUBLIC AUCTION
OF
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, COTTAGE PIANOS, &c.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by
PUBLIC AUCTION
ON
SATURDAY, the 4th March, 1893,
commencing at 2.30 P.M.,
at his SALES ROOMS, Duddell Street,
for account of
GENTLEMEN LEAVING THE COLONY,
A QUANTITY OF
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c.
Comprising:—

DRAWING-ROOM SUITE in SILK TAPESTRY and PLUSH, MARBLE-TOP and TEA TABLES, SIDE TABLES, CARD TABLE, BOOK-CASE and BOOKS, PICTURES, JAPANESE SCREENS, ORNAMENTS, LAMPS, &c.
VERY HANDSOME OVERMANTEL, by HALL & HOLTZ
COTTAGE PIANO, by Schroer in fine Condition.
COTTAGE PIANO, by Helling & Spannenberg.
EXTENSION DINING TABLE & CHAIRS, MOROCCO COVERED.
DINING-ROOM SUITE, SIDEBOARD with BEVELLED GLASS, DINNER WAGGONS, DINNER & DESSERT SERVICES, GLASS and PLATED WARE, &c., &c., FENDERS and IRONS, CARPETS, RUGS, CURTAINS, OVERMANTELS,
SINGLE & DOUBLE IRON BEDSTEADS with WIRE MATTRESSES, SINGLE and DOUBLE WARDROBES, MARBLE-TOP WASHSTANDS and SETS, MARBLE-TOP DRESSING TABLES with BEVELLED GLASS, BEDROOM FURNITURE, SINGERS CABINET SEWING MACHINE in good order,
COOKING RANGE and UTENSILS.
SHANGHAI BATHS and BATHROOM REQUISITES,
&c., &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued prior to Sale, and Lots will be on view on Friday next.

TERMS OF SALE:—Cash on delivery.
GEO. P. LAMMERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, 27th February, 1893. [273

Auctions.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land, by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on

MONDAY,
the 6th day of March, 1893, at 4 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,
G. T. M. O'BRIEN,
Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 16th February, 1893. [274

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 6th day of March, 1893, at 4 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of Nine Lots of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in Square feet.	Annual Rt. $	Upset Price. $
	Hunghom Inland Lots	Hunghom (North of Market),	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.			
1	No. 202,		50	50	15	15	750	26	375
2	" 203,	Do.	"	"	"	"	750	18	263
3	" 204,	Do.	"	"	"	"	750	18	263
4	" 205,	Do.	"	"	"	"	750	18	263
5	" 206,	Do.	"	"	"	"	750	18	263
6	" 207,	Do.	"	"	"	"	750	18	263
7	" 208,	Do.	"	"	"	"	750	18	263
8	" 209,	Do.	"	"	"	"	750	18	263
9	" 210,	Do.	"	"	"	"	750	26	375

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

DOUGLAS STEAM-SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.

THE Company's Steamship
"NAMOA,"
Captain Harris, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 3rd March, at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 28th February, 1893. [278

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship
"HANKOW,"
West, Commander, will be despatched for the above Port on or about TUESDAY, the 7th March, instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 28th February, 1893. [232

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, BOMBAY, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, BRINDISI, VENICE, FIUME, AND TRIESTE.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT and ADRIATIC PORTS).

THE Company's Steamship
"GISELA,"
Captain Nicholich, will be despatched as above on the 8th March, at NOON.

Cargo will not be received on board after 5 P.M. prior to date of sailing.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, 24th February, 1893. [160

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A. 1. British Ship
"CELTIC CHIEF,"
Owen, Master, will load here for the above Port, and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN & Co.
Hongkong, 20th February, 1893. [241

Consignees.

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S. S. "MACDUFF,"
FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 2 P.M. TO-DAY.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd March, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 3rd proximo, or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 3rd March, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 24th February, 1893. [237

HONGKONG TIMBER YARD, WANCHAI.

OREGON PINE SPARS and LUMBER Always on Hand.

L. MALLORY.
Hongkong, 24th June, 1882. [66

Intimations.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

SELECTIONS FROM OUR LIST OF WINES AND SPIRITS.

WE beg to invite careful attention to the following List of WINES & SPIRITS, for we have succeeded in combining purity and excellence of quality with moderate prices.

BRANDY.

	Per Case.	Per Bottle.
OLD PALE COGNAC, O.P.	$11	$1.00
SUPERIOR OLD COGNAC, V.O.P.	14	1.20
AN OLD LIQUEUR COGNAC, O.L.	16	1.50
THE FINEST LIQUEUR COGNAC, 20 years old, V.O.L.	20	1.75

WHISKY.

SCOTCH:—		
Lochaber.—A mellow old whisky	8	0.75
F. O. S.—A blend of the finest whiskies produced in Scotland, matured in Sherry wood	10	1.00
Liqueur.—A very rare old Scotch whisky. *Square bottle*	11	1.00
IRISH.—John Jamieson's	9	0.80
AMERICAN.—Genuine old Bourbon	10	1.00

GIN.

GENEVA A.V.H.—1½ large bottles in case	6	0.50
KEY BRAND GENEVA.—Finest procurable	7	0.60
OLD TOM	5	0.45

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co., LD.,
Victoria Dispensary,
Hongkong.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1893. [38

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.
WINES AND SPIRITS.

WE invite attention to the following Brands, all of which are excellent quality and good value for the money.

The same being specially selected by our London house, and bought direct from the most noted Shippers, are imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus enabling us to supply the best growths at moderate prices.

In ordering it is only necessary to state the name and quality of Wine or Spirit wanted, and Initial letter for quality desired.

PORTS. *(For Invalids and general Use).*

		Per doz. Case.	Per Bot.
A	Alto Douro, good quality, Green Capsule	$10	$ 1.00
B	Vintage, superior quality, Red Capsule	12	1.10
C	Fine Old Vintage, superior quality, Black Seal Capsule	14	1.25
D	Very Fine Old Vintage, extra superior, Violet Capsule *(Old Bottled)*	18	1.50

SHERRIES.

A	Delicate Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Capsule	6	0.60
B	Superior Pale Dry, dinner wine, Green Seal Capsule	7.50	0.75
C	Manzanilla, Pale Natural Sherry, White Capsule	10	1.00
C C	Superior Old Dry, Pale Natural Sherry, Red Seal Capsule	10	1.00
D	Very Superior Old Pale Dry, choice old wine, White Seal Capsule	12	1.10
E	Extra Superior Old Pale Dry, very finest quality, Black Seal Capsule *(Old Bottled)*	14	1.25

		Per Case, 1 doz. Quarts.	Per Case, 2 doz. Pints.
CLARETS.			
A	Superior Breakfast Claret, Red Capsule	$ 4	$ 4.50
B	St. Estephe, Red Capsule	4.50	5.00
C	St. Julien, Red Capsule	7	7.50
D	La Rose, Red Capsule	11	12.00
	Sainte Foy	5	5.50
	Cussac	8	8.50
	Château d'Angladé	12	12.50
	Château Haut Brion Larrivet	17	18.00
	Château Mouton d'Armailhacq	19	20.00
HOCKS.			
	Niersteln	12	—
	Hockheimer	20	—
	Rudesheimer	24	—
BURGUNDIES.			
	Chablis, white wine	12	—
	Meursault, superior white wine	16	—
	Volnay, very superior red wine	19	20.00

MADEIRA AND CHAMPAGNES.
FULL PARTICULARS OF VARIOUS BRANDS ON APPLICATION.

		Per doz. Case.	Per Bot.
BRANDY.			
A	Hennessy's Old Pale, Red Capsule	$13	$ 1.20
B	Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule	15	1.40
C	Very Old Liqeur Cognac	20	1.75
D	Hennessy's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1872 Vintage, Red Capsule	30	2.50
WHISKY, SCOTCH.			
A	Thorne's Blend, White Capsule	8	0.75
B	Watson's Glenorchy Mellow Blend, Blue Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark	8	0.75
C	Watson's Abelour-Glenlivet, Red Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark	8	0.75
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E	Watson's Very Old Liqeur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule	12	1.10
	Daniel Crawford's Finest Very Old Scotch Whisky	10	1.00
IRISH.			
A	John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule	8	0.75
B	John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule	10	1.00
C	John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule	12	1.10
AMERICAN.			
	Genuine Bourbon Whisky, Fine Old, Red Capsule, with our Name & Trade Mark	10	1.00
GIN.			
A	Fine Old Tom, White Capsule	4.50	0.40
B	Fine Unsweetened, White, Capsule	4.50	0.40
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	Finest Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule	12	1.00
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	Good Leeward Island	$1.50 per Gallon	

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 1893.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H.M.S. *Rattler* arrived at Shanghai from Chinkiang on the 24th ulto.

LADY ROBINSON will be at home to receive from 4 to 6 p.m. on March 7th and 21st.

WE are informed by the agents (Messrs. Dodwell, Carlill & Co.) that the "Shire" Line steamer *Radnorshire* left Singapore to-day for this port, and is due on or about the 7th inst.

A REGULAR meeting of Zetland Lodge, No. 525, will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting brethren are cordially invited.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s Royal mail steamer *Empress of Japan*, from Vancouver, arrived at Shanghai at 9 p.m. on the 27th ulto., and left again at 9 p.m. yesterday for this port, where she will be due about 9 a.m. on Friday, the 3rd inst.

WE are informed that a wire was received here the other day stating that a very promising lode had been struck in the Raub Co.'s concession, and that excellent results were anticipated. This is an item of good news in these gloomy times—but then it is always the darkest hour before the dawn.

THE *Hygeia*, the Sanitary Board's hospital ship, has now on board nine small-pox patients, all doing fairly well under Dr. Lowson's careful supervision. Eight of the cases are from ships, bringing the disease from north and south; the other one is believed to be traceable to Canton. No case has terminated fatally since the two *Tsinan* Japanese died, nearly a month ago.

ANOTHER 'good thing' gone wrong. Henry Norman's alleged gold mine in Siam has, we are sorry to learn, met the fate the *Hongkong Telegraph* has from the first predicted as inevitable. The Company floated by the *Pall Mall Gazette's* particularly acute Commissioner will be wound up—that is if there is anything to wind up. It is a matter for regret that a single dollar of Hongkong money was invested in such a palpably wild-cat venture.

WE learn from Foochow that piracy continues to flourish to such an extent along the coast that the junk trade between Ningpo and the capital of Fohkien has been practically suspended. A large number of junks are reported to have been captured and looted, and in several instances the crews have been murdered. Foreign sailing vessels are profiting by the 'scare' that has set in, and are bringing to Foochow the cargoes formerly carried by the Chinese craft. It is high time the Governor-General of Fohkien initiated effective measures to summarily stamp out this crying evil.

AT the Sanitary Board meeting to-morrow at 4.15 p.m. the following will be the *Agenda*.—1. Letters from the Honourable Colonial Secretary —*A*. Regarding the steps to be taken to prevent the occurrence of rabies in the Colony. *B*. Regarding the appointment of an Interpreter. 2 Mortality Return for the week ended the 18th February, 1893. 3. Surveyor's report on the condition of the house drains of Nos. 5 and 7, Caine Road; and 5, Chancery Lane. 4. An Application for a licence to keep cattle. 5. 13 Applications for new licences to keep swine. 6. 10 Applications for renewal of licences to keep swine.

MARINE underwriting for the last few years, according to the New York *Maritime Register*, has not been a profitable business. Competition has had full swing with the result that premium rates have in no way been in keeping with risks and the business has in many quarters become almost a matter of pure speculation, or as one underwriter expresses it "a gamble." Many of the men yet in the business, will remember when it was held to be a very good undertaking and capital found it an excellent investment. It is possible to make it so again, but only when placed on the basis of any sound venture—fair payment for a fair risk. Merchants who welcome competition in insurance rates, marine or fire, and try to place their risks at a rate that is wholly inadequate, will suffer in the end. To drive capital out of the insurance business is not a sign of commercial sagacity.

ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

Statistics for February, 1893.

In-Patients remaining in Hospital on 1st February		54
In-Patients admitted to Hospital during February		24
Total number treated as In-Patients		78
Of these there were:—		
Discharged cured	25	
Discharged relieved	4	
Discharged on other grounds	1	
Died in Hospital	4	
		34
In-Patients remaining in Hospital on 1st March		44
Out-Patients, new cases	376	
Out-Patients, return visits	328	
Total number of Out-Patient visits		704
Operations	5	
Vaccinations	5	
Dental cases	10	
Casualty cases	2	

JOHN C. THOMSON, M.A., M.D.,
Superintendent.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

(Before Mr. Fielding Clarke, Chief Justice.)

March 1st.

A RECRUIT FOR THE DEVIL'S BRIGADE.

Francis Bulmer Lyon Bowley was charged by the Attorney General (Acting, W. M. Goodman) with being abroad in the Colony with intent to practise as a solicitor, in accordance with secs. 5 and 10 of Ord. 3 of 1871.

Prisoner had no defence.

His Lordship briefly expressed his cordial approval of the Attorney-General's action in dragging such desperate characters from their lairs into the full light and exposing their designs against the public. He hoped Mr. Bowley would get all he deserved.

The Attorney-General cordially echoed his lordship's sentiments.

The victim was then handed over to the tender mercies of Messrs. Dennys and Mossop.

THE WEI ING EMBEZZLEMENT.

Lo Chu Wing, convicted by the jury of embezzling $37,500 from a *watsing* agency in Hongkong, was remanded a week for sentence.

GEO. FENWICK & CO., LIMITED.

The fourth annual general meeting of shareholders in this Company was held to-day. Mr. G. Fenwick presided, and there were also present Messrs. J. H. Maclehose, E. Solomon, C. Grant, R. C. Wilcox, W. Parlane, Fullarton Henderson, and F. W. Cross.

The notice of meeting having been read,

The Chairman said—Gentlemen, as the report and accounts have been in your hands for some days, with your permission we will take them as read. You will observe that a considerable amount has been carried forward this year, as in last; this has been done with the view of being able to meet expenses of an addition to our plant which with the consent of the Consulting Committee will shortly be commenced. The past year compares favourably with the previous year, and may, I trust, be looked upon as fairly satisfactory considering that the shipping trade has been so dull. Advantage has been taken of the improvement on the past year in writing down to a large extent the value of our plant, which although we have added two new machines and placed a new boiler in our steam-launch, stands below what it did last year. I may also say that this year has commenced very favorably and up to the present we have been well employed in all departments of our business. As I said, gentlemen, at our last meeting, you can all be of assistance in some way; if you cannot give us work yourselves influence your friends to do so, and we shall endeavour to give all satisfaction. I do not know of anything else requiring further remark but in conclusion shall be glad to answer any questions you may be pleased to ask. I may also mention that, as you will see on looking at the accounts, there are "Sundry debtors—$17,373;" a considerable portion has already been drawn in. One item, of $10,000, is the balance of payment for the steamer *Cosmopolita*, recently built for Iloilo; that is now paid. Another item will be paid this week, so that practically I may say the whole of this amount, "sundry debtors," has been paid off.

There being no question, the Chairman proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr Wilcox seconded the motion, which was carried *nem con.*

On the motion of Mr. Grant, seconded by Mr. Maclehose, the retiring members of the consulting committee (Messrs. Parlane and Rodger) were re-elected.

On the motion of Mr. Parlane, seconded by Mr. Henderson, the auditor (Mr T. Arnold) was re-elected.

Mr. Cross:—I beg to propose a vote of thanks to the general manager (Mr. Fenwick) for his conduct of the business during the past year. I think the balance sheet for the year, as compared with that for the previous year, is very satisfactory, looked at from every point of view, and I do not think it leaves anything that could be cavilled at. The proposed new works will, I hope, be as successful as the old works have hitherto been; and, in fact, we know from past experience of Mr. Fenwick's management that we are sure to make some profit on it, for I do not think that Mr. Fenwick would go into any undertaking in which he was not sure of success. (Hear hear.)

The Chairman—Gentlemen, I thank you. Of course, this work would not be undertaken unless it was considered profitable. The outlay is not great—probably about $15,000; we have in hand over $9,500, and if we have a good year I dare say we shall be able to pay it all off with what money we have to spare from the year's working. I feel sure it will be a very profitable addition to the present works. I thank you, gentlemen, for your attendance; the dividend warrants will be issued to-morrow morning.

THE HONGKONG BRICK AND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

The final meeting of shareholders in the old company, and the statutory and first ordinary meetings of the new company were held this afternoon, Mr. D. Gillies presided, and there were also present Messrs. W. Wotton, C. P. Chater, J. B. Coughtrie (directors), S. A. Remedios, J. D. Remedios, E. R. Bellilios, H. N. Mody, P. Jordan, J. W. Kew, J. H. Maclehose, Ho Kam Tong, W. H. Ray, E. Georg, A. G. Stokes, and W. H. Walker (secretary).

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the accounts having been in your hands since yesterday, with your permission we will take them as having been read. With regard to the reconstructed company, our business in the twelve months under review has been on the whole satisfactory, the works having been fully employed during that period, chiefly on the production of drain pipes, for which there is an increasing demand locally and from the out-ports, but from want of constant supervision (our foremen having been frequently laid up with fever) and the workmen being still somewhat deficient in training and experience, the output has fallen considerably short of what your Directors anticipated. Nevertheless the accounts shew that we are making good progress, having earned during the twelve months a net profit of $7,882.33 which sum would have permitted of a dividend being recommended if we had the amount in cash, but having before us so large a sum standing to the debit of profit and loss, your Directors thought it advisable under the circumstances to place the amount of profit made to the credit of that account. I may again state that the cause of this serious loss of capital was due to many months of non-production when we first started the works; to depreciation on machinery not suited to our class of business, and to the necessity of reconstructing the whole of our kilns on an improved plan. By the scheme of reconstruction we have written off from our assets the sum of $36,co and reduced our capital to $60,000 of which $50,000 is represented as paid up. So that the New Company starts under the favourable auspices of a moderate capital, a plant that meets our present requirements, and a good market for our goods; therefore we may now look forward with confidence to the future of the Company. If there are any questions I shall be pleased to answer them.

As there were no questions from shareholders, the Chairman proposed that the report of the Board and the statement of accounts be passed.

The Hon. E. R. Bellilios seconded the motion, which was carried; the Chairman adding:—This motion only applies to the old Company, which has been wound up; it is necessary that the shareholders should give their assent to the Board's accounts.

The Secretary then read the notice calling the statutory meeting of the new Company.

The Chairman—Gentlemen, this meeting is merely a *pro forma* one, to comply with the requirements of the Companies Ordinance. You will also have presented to you the accounts which have been made up for taking over of the business from the old Company, which you will find on the back page of the report circulated to shareholders, which sets forth our assets and liabilities as from time of transfer. I do not think it requires any further comment from me. With regard to the position of the new company, I think we are in a much better position now than when we started. We have everything now at the works in good going order, and large orders for our products are coming in at very remunerative rates, so that I hope when we meet at the end of the year we shall be able to present a much better report than hitherto. The company is now on a basis which will enable it to pay good dividends in the future.

The Secretary then read the notice calling the first ordinary annual meeting.

The Chairman—Gentlemen, the first business of this meeting is to submit to you the statement of accounts of the new company, from which you will note that the capital has been considerably reduced from the former figure, namely to $60,000. The whole of the machinery and plant have been revalued and written down $14,500 below what they stood in the books of the old company. The total paid-up capital of the new company is $50,000, and with this very moderate capital we shall have no difficulty in being able to pay very good interest on the money invested. I have now to propose that the statement of accounts of the new company be passed, and I shall be glad if any gentleman will second the motion.

Mr. Ray seconded the motion, which was carried *nem. con.*

On the motion of Mr. Mody, seconded by Mr. Stokes, the retiring directors (Messrs. J. B. Coughtrie and W. Wotton) were re-elected.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Jordan, the auditors (Messrs. W. H. Potts and A. O'Driscoll Gourdin) were re-elected.

This concluded the proceedings.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB RACE MEETING, 1893.

Stewards:—H. E. Sir William Robinson, K.C.M.G.; H. E. Vice-Admiral the Hon. Sir E. R. Freemantle, K.C.B.; H. E. Major-General Digby Barker, C.B.; Commodore Bury Palliser; Colonel Macdonell, R.A.; Colonel Mulloy, R.E.; Lieut.-Colonel Ravenhill, Shropshire Regiment; Lieut.-Colonel Barrow, H.K. Regiment; the Hon. C. P. Chater; H. Hopplus, Esq.; J. Grant, Esq.; R. M. Gray Esq.; M. Grote, Esq.; J. D. Humphreys, Esq.; the Hon. T. H. Whitehead; the Hon. J. J. Bell-Irving; J. McLeavy Brown, Esq.; and F. de Bovis, Esq. Clerk of Scales:—H. Hopplus, Esq. Judge:—The Hon. C. P. Chater. Starter:—M. Grote, Esq. 2nd Starter:—J. Armstrong, Esq. Hon. Treasurer:—H. E. R. Hunter, Esq. Clerk of the Course:—T. F. Hough, Esq.

FIRST DAY,—THURSDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY.

The opening day of the Races was cold and raw in the morning, and threatened to be as miserable as the last wretched week or two, fully bearing out the traditions of the Chinese New Year in Hongkong. For years past it has been observed that "China New Year weather is always beastly;" but usually the races have been held several weeks later, and in fine weather. This year the two events have come exceptionally close together. Fortunately the gloomy anticipations were soon dispelled, for towards noon the sky cleared, the sun shone out warm and bright, and though the clouds and the cold wind returned later, the rest of the day was one of the best we have had this year.

Long before mid-day the stream of racegoers was speeding eastwards, though it did not attain dimensions comparing very favourably with last year's funeral procession; but at the Happy Valley the scene was a beautiful and brilliant contrast to the forlorn and dispirited assemblage of 1892. As in the old days, there must have been at least twenty thousand people at the race-course, as happy and bright as ever. Perhaps the revival of spirits and the renewed determination to enjoy this greatest carnival in the Far East was due to the popular rumour that the anti-gambling mania might be less rabid than last year; or, perhaps it was Mr. O'Brien's vaunted recovery of commercial prosperity that brought back the old glamour; or, perhaps, the most graceful explanation lies in the fact that H.E. the Governor was going, with Lady Robinson, to open the new Grand Stand.

Shortly after twelve o'clock, the Stewards having escorted their guests to the Grand Stand, the brief opening ceremony took place.

The Hon. C. P. Chater in a few well-chosen words expressed the pleasure and honour conferred on the Jockey Club by his Excellency and Lady Robinson in coming to open the new Grand Stand to-day. The building (on which $25,000 had been spent) was not quite completed, but very little remained to be done, and he begged to present his Excellency with the key and ask him to open the gate.

The Governor thanked Mr. Chater and the Stewards for their invitation, which Lady Robinson and himself had felt great pleasure in accepting. The Grand Stand was a splendid building, one of the finest of its kind he had ever seen, and well worthy of this beautiful Happy Valley. He heartily congratulated the Stewards and the Club on having such a fine pavilion.

His Excellency then unlocked the gate at the head of the steps, and entered, followed by most of the ladies and gentlemen present, to inspect the building and admire the decorations, which were simply gorgeous.

During the afternoon the Band of the Shropshire Light Infantry, under Mr. Murphy's leadership, played the following selections:—

Grand March	"Militaire"	Gounod.
Overture	"Semiramide"	Rossini.
Lancers	"Talk of the Night"	Williams.
Selection	"La Cigale"	Audran.
Valse	"Love's Golden dream"	Bonheur.
Fantasia	"Coster Songs"	Chevalier.
Dance	"Arabia"	Sarakowski.
Valse	"Con Amore"	Bucalossi.
Reminiscences of Sullivan		Winterbottom.
March	"La Victoire"	Gant.
Serenade	"Militaire"	Morelli.
Polka	"Keep Time"	Kottaun.
Galop	"La Fanfare"	Faust.

Proceedings commenced in good time with the time-honored Wong-nei-chong Stakes, half a dozen competitors facing the starter for this popular half-mile sprint. Khedive was a strong tip with the talent and he managed to get home, but he was nevertheless a bit lucky, as Primrose showed the better speed and would probably have got home first had the bobbery chestnut refrained from the boring tactics which prevented Mr. Taylor from riding his mount clean out. Still, the success of the veteran Amoy sportsman was very popular, and it is only fair to state that Mr. Midwood rode a good race on a pony that has the gift of going, but does not always utilise that gift. With only three competitors for the Ashley Cup the victory of Majestic was regarded as a foregone conclusion, and in point of fact the big dun won easily—and yet if Mr. Hough had patiently waited, instead of racing the head off a notorious non-stayer up the Black Rock hill, the verdict might have been reversed. The Derby was a melancholy exhibition, only three ponies—two from the same stable, although in different interests—coming to the post. Black Pearl had no trouble in disposing of Islander, and Liberty conclusively showed that a mile was about as far as he could comfortably gallop at racing pace. Vagrant ran up to his best form in winning the Foochow Cup, and in this race both Bovril and Timekeeper ran out of all past form. The victory of Varuna in the Valley Stakes was hardly a surprise, although few critics expected that Assyrian, most vigorously ridden by Mr. May, would gain second honors. Amenable had such a bad start that his failure was easily accounted for. Talisman naturally had all his own way against three crocks in the Lusitano Cup, and it is perhaps as well to draw a veil over the Canton Cup burlesque on racing. Home Guard was, of course, too good for Vagrant in the Hongkong Club Cup, although the Ewo grey, notwithstanding his previous exertions, ran gamely and well. A clever victory by Steadfast in the Compradors' Cup brought to a close a somewhat dull day's sport.

Details are appended:—

The WONG-NEI-CHONG STAKES, for China Ponies; weight for inches. Subscription Griffins of this Season, 1892-93, allowed 7 lbs.; entrance $5, with $100 added. Half-a-mile.

Mr. Derick-Hunter's ch. Khedive, 11st. 1lb... Mr. Midwood 1
Mr. Cass' cr. Primrose, 11st. 11lb...Mr. Taylor 2
Mr. John Peel's gr. Guardsman, 10st. 12lb... Mr. Hough 3
Mr. Boyd's ro. Dunoon, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Marshall 0
Mr. Littlejohn's d. Susewind, 11st. 11lb..... Mr. Maclean 0
Mr. G. H. A. Willis' cr. Parmesan, 11st. 1lb... Dr. Meadon 0

Primrose, Khedive and Dunoon were all fancied by their respective adherents. The start was considerably delayed owing to the fractiousness of Khedive, the bald-faced chesnut persistently refusing to join the field. When the flag eventually fell, Susewind was left at the post, and Primrose, next the rails, closely attended by Khedive and Guardsman, cut out the running, Dunoon showing prominently on the outside. At the village the cream had drawn almost clear and entered the straight quite a length in front of Khedive, but immediately they faced for home the latter drew up, and boring Primrose on the rails all the way down, held a slight lead at the half-distance, which he maintained to the end and won a fine race by a long neck, with the Ewo representative a fair third, just in front of Dunoon. Time, 60¾ seconds.

The ASHLEY CUP; presented by D. R. Sassoon Esq.,—for China ponies; entrance $5, to go to the winner; weight for inches. One mile.

Mr. Trebau's d. Majestic, 11st. 7lb..... Mr. Sassoon 1
Mr. John Peel's gr. Merry Thought, 11st. 11lb... Mr. Hough 2
Mr. Boyd's d. Duncraggan, 10st. 12lb..... Mr. Marshall 3

Majestic was a hot favorite, although Merry Thought was by no means neglected. To a capital start the latter, on the rails, made play from the favorite, but in making the turn out of the straight Mr. Sassoon rushed Majestic to the front, and entered the back stretch with an advantage of two lengths. On facing the hill Mr. Hough, riding hard, raced Merry Thought alongside, and a desperate struggle ensued to the quarter-mile post, where the handsome dun came away and, although hunted right home, won very easily by a length and a half. Duncraggan, after struggling in the rear throughout, came with a wet sail at last and finished a very good third. Time 2 min. 8¾ secs.

The HONGKONG DERBY, Sweepstakes of $20 each, half forfeit if declared on or before day of closing Entries, with $250 added for 1st Pony, and $100 for 2nd; for all China Ponies *bona fide* Griffins at date of Entry (Saturday, 21st January, 1893); First Pony, 70 per cent.; Second, 20 per cent.; Third, 10 per cent; weight for inches. One-mile-and-a-half. (Nominations close to the Clerk of the Course at the Club on Saturday, the 31st December, 1892.)

Mr. Heinrich's bl. Black Pearl, 11st. 1lb..... Mr. Sassoon 1
Mr. Buxey's b. Islander, 10st. 9lb. Mr. Master 2
Mr. John Peel's d. Liberty, 10st. 12lb..... Mr. Hough 3

Black Pearl and Islander were in equal demand, the race being regarded as a match between the stable companions. Immediately the flag fell Black Pearl rushed to the front and made strong running from Mr. Buxey's bay, Mr. Hough riding a waiting race on the wearer of the 'blue and silver.' The first quarter was covered in 32½ seconds, the half-mile in 64, and the six furlongs in 1.34½, Mr. Hopplus' black maintaining a slight advantage. After passing the Black Rock (time for a mile, 2 min. 9 secs) Mr. Master challenged, and a close struggle took place between the leading pair until passing the village, Liberty at the same time making up a lot of his lee-way. Time for a mile and a quarter—2 min. 44½ secs. Once in the straight Black Pearl's superior stride told and, gradually drawing away, he scored a comparatively easy victory by two lengths, with Liberty a fair third. Full time—3 min. 18 secs.

The FOOCHOW CUP, value $200, presented by the Foochow community,—for China ponies; weight for inches; entrance $5. Two miles.

Mr. John Peel's gr. Vagrant, 10st. 12lb..... Mr. Hough 1
Mr. Buxey's gr. Bold Heart, 11st. 1lb..... Mr. Master 2
Mr. Taylor's gr. Reciprocation, 10st. 9lb..... Owner 3
Mr. Derick-Hunter's br. Timekeeper, 10st. 9lb. Mr. Midwood 0
Mr. Buxey's gr. Royalty, 11st. 1lb..... Mr. Crawford 0
Mr. Treban's d. Bovril, 11st. 1lb. Mr. Sassoon 0
Mr. White's gr. Viper, 11st. 4lb..... Mr. Hart-Buck 0

Bovril was made a hot favourite, Vagrant being second in demand. Timekeeper, Bold Heart, and Royalty were also substantially supported. At the second attempt the flag was dropped to a good start Reciprocation making the pace just in front of Timekeeper and Bold Heart, the rear being brought up by Bovril. These positions were not materially altered until a mile and a quarter had been traversed, at which point Bold Heart and Timekeeper appeared to hold the issue between them. At the Derby starting post Mr. Hough brought up Vagrant with a tremendous rush and before the Rock was reached held a three lengths' lead, and making every post a winning post, got home three lengths in front of Bold Heart, with Reciprocation, who finished very gamely, a capital third. The others were beaten off. Time 4 min. 26¾ secs.

The VALLEY STAKES, Sweepstakes of $5 each, with $100 added for winner, and $50 for 2nd pony, for subscription griffins of this season, 1892-93, only; weight for inches. Three-quarters-of-a-mile.

Mr. J. D. Humphreys' ch. Varuna, 10st. 7lb. Mr. Hart Buck 1
Mr. Kesteven's gr. Assyrian, 10st. 9lb, Mr. May 2
Capt. Thomas' b. Stonehenge, 10st. 12lb..... Owner 3
Mr. Buxey's gr. Colonist, 11st. 4lb, Mr. Sassoon 0
Mr. Cruickshank's gr. Switchback, 11st. 11lb... Owner 0
Mr. Derick-Hunter's cr. Hoax, 11st. 1lb..... Mr. Midwood
Mr. Derick-Hunter's gr. Choice, 10st. 12lb..... Mr. Marshall 0
Mr. Hart Buck's gr. Mervyn, 10st. 6lb..... Mr. Crawford 0
Mr. Jay's cr. Motor, 10st. 12lb.....Mr. Coutts 0
Mr. John Peel's gr. Juniper, 10st. 12lb..... Mr. Hough 0
Mr. Littlejohn's gr. Blooming Heather, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Maclean 0
Major F. W. Robinson's gr. Faugh-a-Ballagh, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Moore 0
Mr. Taylor's gr. Free Trade, 10st. 12lb. Owner 0
Mr. White's bl. Amenable, 11st. 1lb..... Mr Master 0

Varuna was heavily backed, Amenable of the others being the most popular fancy. After several ineffectual attempts the flag fell to a rather indifferent start, Amenable being practically left at the post. On settling down into their places the favorite showed prominently in the van, Colonist and Assyrian being in close attendance, the field quickly showing a lengthy tail. There was little variation in these positions until nearing the quarter-mile post, at which landmark Varuna had drawn clear, Assyrian, Free Trade and Juniper being close handy. The leader slightly increased his advantage in the run home, and stalling off a determined challenge by Mr. May on Assyrian, won cleverly by rather over a length, Stonehenge, who made up a lot of ground in the last three hundred yards, finishing a good third. The others came home in straggling order. Times—31, 63, and 1min. 37½ seconds.

The LUSITANO CUP; presented by the members of the Club, Lusitano,—for China ponies; weight for inches; previous winners at this meeting, 7lbs. extra; subscription griffins of this season, 1892-93, allowed 7lbs.; entrance $10; second pony to receive half the entrance money. One-mile-and-a-quarter.

Mr. John Peel's gr. Talisman, 11st. 1lb..... Mr. Hough 1
Mr. Darius's gr. Porpoise, 10st. 12lb..... Mr. Master 2
Mr. Henry's gr. Thunderbolt, 10st. 12lb..... Mr. Sassoon 3
Mr. Taylor's gr. Freigrat, 11st. 1lb...Owner 0

Talisman was favorite and jumping off in front at the fall of the flag, made the whole of the running, romping home an easy winner from Porpoise, last year's "sub" easily beating the uncertain Thunderbolt for second honours. Time—2 min. 43⅘ secs.

The CANTON CUP.—Value $150.—for China Ponies, *bond fide* Griffins at date of Entry (21st January, 1893); Weight for inches; Winners at this Meeting, 7lbs. extra. Entrance $5. One mile.

Mr. Buxey's b. Islander, 10st. 9lb...Mr. Master 1
Mr. Buxey's wh. Torchlight, 10st. 12lb..... Mr. Sassoon 2
Capt. Goold-Adam's gr. Pepper-and-Salt, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Taylor 3

Islander went clear away from the fall of the flag and defeated his stable companion almost without an effort. Pepper-and-Salt was beaten off. Time, 2 min. 10 secs.

The HONGKONG CLUB CUP, presented, for China ponies; weight for inches; entrance $15; second pony to receive 50 per cent. of entrance money. One-mile-and-a-half.

Mr. Buxey's gr. Home Guard, 11st. 1lb..... Mr. Master 1
Mr. John Peel's gr. Vagrant, 10st. 12lb..... Mr. Hough 2

Home Guard a hot favorite. The pair raced in close company for half the distance, but after passing the Bridge, Home Guard was driven to the front and drawing clear away up the hill, made the rest of the running, and won easily by three lengths. Time, 3 min. 18¾ secs.

The COMPRADORS' CUP, for all subscription Griffins of this Season, 1892-93, only; weight for inches; winner of Valley Stakes, 5lbs. extra; entrance $5; second pony to receive half the entrance money. One mile.

Mr. Derick Hunter's gr. Steadfast, 10st. 12lb..... Mr. Midwood 1
Mr. White's bk. Amenable, 11st. 1lb..... Mr. Master 2
Mr. Hart-Buck's gr. Mervyn, 10st. 6lb..... Mr. Crawford 3
Mr. Cruickshank's gr. Switchback, 11st. 1lb... Owner 0
Mr. Buxey's gr. Colonist, 11st. 4lb..... Mr. Sassoon 0
Mr. John Peel's wh. Onyx, 11st. 1lb..... Mr. Hough 0
Mr. F. W. Robinson's gr. Faugh-a-Ballagh, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Moore 0
Capt. Thomas' b. Stonehenge, 10st. 12lb. Owner 0

Mervyn was the first to show in advance, but after going a few strides Amenable assumed command and went on attended by Colonist and Stonehenge, the remainder racing in a compact body, close up. Amenable led into the straight, but once turned for home, Steadfast came right through, at once placing the issue beyond doubt, and galloped home an easy winner from Amenable by three lengths, with Mervyn a fair third. Time, 2 min. 13¾ secs.

SECOND DAY,—FRIDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY.

A gloomy morning turned into a lovely day, and on an almost perfect course the racing generally was of a high order. The attendance was much larger than yesterday, and proceedings were greatly enlivened by the Band of the French ironclad *Triomphante*, which contributed in no small degree to the pleasure of the afternoon. For the first event only two ponies faced the starter, Mr. Buxey's Islander and Flashlight, and as a declaration was made to win with the former, it is difficult to understand why the Stewards allowed such a ridiculous exhibition. Probably they didn't know any better! Bovril's easy victory in the Exchange Plate, after being beaten off in the Foochow Cup, was a great surprise, but great surprises in Hongkong are not uncommon, and certainly Mr. Sassoon rode a very different race here to his exhibition yesterday. Steadfast's clever victory in the Compradore's Cup made the sturdy grey a dangerous candidate for the German Cup, and, outstaying Varuna, who was made a very hot favorite, he won in a common canter. In the Professional cup Mr. Hough very wisely waited with Merry Thought and had no difficulty in coming through and winning in a canter at the finish from Timekeeper. Duncraggan and two others—a performance which forcibly brought to mind Harry Hutchings' scientific finishes in the years that are gone. Solace was a certainty for the Jockey Cup, and for a novice Mr. Cruickshank rode a well-judged race. Majestic's victory in the Flyaway Stakes was a foregone conclusion, and the Derby winner had naturally an easy task in the Tai Yeuk Fong Cup; but Black Pearl's mile and a half in 3 min. 18 secs. was worthy of special notice, and we noted it accordingly. Home Guard had only to canter to, win the Navy Cup from Talisman and Parmesan, and then Merry Thought—who, if he had belonged to a true sportman, would never have been allowed to run in such a race—cantered away with the Welter Stakes and added something less than a couple of hundred dollars to the banking account of "the princely house." Particulars of the day's racing are appended:—

The SCURRY STAKES; Sweepstakes of $10 each, for all *bond fide* Griffins at the date of Entry; subscription griffins of this season 1892-93, non-winners allowed 10lbs.; weight for inches. One mile.

Mr. Buxey's b. Islander, 10st. 9lb...Mr. Master 1
Mr. Buxey's gr. Flashlight, 11st. 11lb.....
Mr. Crawford 2

Mr. Buxey declared to win with Islander.

Islander cantered in front of his stable companion and passed the post a length ahead in 2 min. 45 secs.

The EXCHANGE PLATE, presented by the Bankers and Exchange Brokers of Hongkong,—for China ponies; weight for inches; winners of Ashley, Foochow, Lusitano or Hongkong Club Cups at this meeting 5lbs. extra; entrance $10; second pony to receive $50. One-mile-and-three-quarters.

Mr. Trebau's d. Bovril, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Sassoon 1
Mr. Taylor's gr. Reciprocation, 10st. 9lb.
Mr. Midwood 2
Mr. John Peel's gr. Vagrant, 11st. 3lb. (incl. 5lb. ex) Mr. Hough 3
Mr. Buxey's gr. Bold Heart, 11st. 11lb.
Mr. Master 0
Mr. White's gr. Viper, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Hart-Buck 0

Vagrant and Bovril divided favo itism, with Bold Heart also strongly fancied. To a good start Bovril made play in front of Bold Heart and Reciprocation, the other pair lying off for the first mile. At the three-quarter mile starting post Vagrant challenged Bovril, but the dun easily held his own, and drawing further away as they raced past the village, maintained his advantage to the end, and won cleverly by two lengths from Reciprocation, who came very gamely in the straight, Mr. Taylor's grey battling Vagrant for second money by a length. Bold Heart and Viper finished in the order named, many lengths away. Time, 3 min. 50½ secs.

The GERMAN CUP, Presented by Members of the German Club.—for Subscription Griffins of the Season, 1892-93, only; weight for inches; Entrance $10; Second Pony to receive half the Entrance money. One-mile-and-a-quarter.

Mr. Derick-Hunter's gr. Steadfast, 10st. 12lb.
Mr. Midwood 1
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' ch. Varuna, 10st. 12lb.
Mr. Hart Buck 2
Mr. Buxey's gr. Colonist, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Master 3
Mr. Hart-Buck's gr. Mervyn, 10st. 6lb.....
Mr. Crawford 0
Mr. Kesteven's gr. Assyrian, 10st. 9lb. Mr. May 0
Capt. Thomas' b. Stonehenge, 10st. 12lb.....
Mr. Hough 0
Mr. White's br. Amenable, 11st. 11lb.....
Mr. Sassoon 0
Mr. Cruickshank's gr. Switchback, 11st. 11lb...
Owner 0

The Valley Stakes winner was most in demand, but was closely pressed in public favoritism by Steadfast, while Amenable and Stonehenge had numerous backers. The race requires little description. Varuna led the van, closely pressed by Colonist and Stonehenge, until a quarter of a mile from home, where Stead fast rushed through and, cutting down the Chestnut in a few strides, won very easily by three lengths, with Colonist a fair third. Time, 2 min. 44½ secs.

The PROFESSIONAL CUP, presented,—for all China ponies; weight for inches; winners of one Race at this meeting, 7lb. extra; of two or more races, 10 lb. extra; previous non-starters to carry 12st; entrance $10; second pony to receive half the entrance money. One-mile-and-a-quarter.

Mr. John Peel's g. Merry Thought, 11st. 11lb.
Mr. Hough 1
Mr. Derick-Hunter's br. Timekeeper, 10st. 9lb.
Mr. Midwood 2
Mr. Boyd's d. Duncraggan, 10st. 12lb.
Mr. Marshall 3
Mr. Darius' g. Porpoise, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Master 0
Mr. Henry's g. Thunderbolt, 10st. 12lb.....
Mr. Sassoon 0
Mr. Taylor's g. Freigraf, 11st. 9lb. Owner 0

Merry Thought was a strong public favorite. Porpoise, attended by Duncraggan and Timekeeper, cut out the running until opposite the village, where Merry Thought came clear away and won in a common canter from Timekeeper by a couple of lengths; Duncraggan was an indifferent third. Time, 33 1-5th, 65, 1.38 2-5th, 2.11½ and 2.4 ½.

The JOCKEY CUP, value $150; for Subscription Ponies of this and last Season, winners excluded. To be ridden by jockeys who have never had a winning mount previous to this meeting in Hongkong or China; weight for inches; entrance $5. One mile.

Mr. John Peel's gr. Solace, 11st. 11lb.....
Mr. Cruickshank 1
Mr. Taylor's gr. Free Trade, 10st. 12lb.....
Captain Thomas 2
Mr. Hart Buck's gr. Mervyn, 10st. 6lb.....
Mr. Humphreys 3
Major F. W. Robinson's gr. Faugh-a-Ballagh, 11st. 4lb.....Capt. Moore 0
Mr. Jay's cr. Motor, 10st. 12lb.....Mr. Gedge 0
Mr. Drilling's ch. Hell, 11st. 11lb. Dr. Meadon 0
Mr. Derick-Hunter's gr. Hoax, 11st. 11lb.....
Mr. May 0

Solace was a hot favorite, and taking the lead at the start he made the whole of the running and won without being called upon, by two and a half lengths from Free Trade, the latter beating Mervyn by three lengths for second honours. Time, 32 1-5th, 66, 1.41 2-5th and 2 min. 14½ secs.

The FLYAWAY STAKES, For all China Ponies; Weight for inches; Previous winners at this Meeting, 7 lb. extra; Subscription Griffins of this Season, 1892-93, allowed 7 lb; Entrance $5, with $100 added. Three-quarters-of-a-mile.

Mr. Trebau's d, Majestic, 12st. (incl. 7lb. ex)
Mr. Sassoon 1
Mr. Derick-Hunter's ch. Khedive, 11st. 8lb. (incl. 7lb. ex.) Mr. Midwood 2
Mr. Buxey's b. Islander, 11st. 2lb., (incl. 7lb. ex.) Mr. Master 3
Mr. Cass' cr. Primrose, 11st. 11lb...Mr. Taylor 0

Long odds were freely offered on Majestic, and the big dun, after waiting on Islander until passing the Rock, came away by himself, and holding premier place to the finish secured the judge's flat by four lengths from Khedive, the latter passing Mr. Buxey's bay inside the distance. Time, 30, 62 2-5th and 1.32½.

The TAI YEUK FONG CUP, presented by J. D. Humphreys, Esq., for China ponies being *bona fide* Griffins at date of entry; Subscription Griffins weight for inches as per scale, other Griffins 7lbs. extra; winners of non-subscription races of one race 7lbs. extra; of two or more races 10lbs. extra; winner of the German Cup 5lbs. extra; previous non-starters at this Meeting 12lbs. extra. To be won two meetings in succession or three times in all by a pony the *bond fide* property of the same Owner or Owners; the winner to receive 75 per cent. and the second 25 per cent. of the entrance fees until the Cup be finally won, when the second pony shall receive 75 per cent. and the third 25 per cent.; distance one-mile-and-a-half. Entrance $10.

Mr. Heinrich's blk. Black Pearl, 12st. 11lb. (incl. 7lb. ex) Mr. Sassoon 1
Mr. Buxey's w. Torchlight, 11st. 5lb. (incl. 7lb. ex.) Mr. Master 2
Mr. Buxey's g. Flashlight, 11st. 8lb. (incl. 7lb. ex.) Mr. Crawford 3
Mr. John Peel's d. Liberty, 11st. 5lb. (incl. 7lb ex) Mr Hough 0

The Derby winner was strongly fancied after making all the running, he came with a straight Varuna, who swerved out from the rails, was well in front and fifty yards from the winning post was a clear length ahead, with Assyrian, on the rails, and Juniper, in the middle of the course, looking formidable. In a most exciting race home Assyrian gained a short-head verdict, a similar distance separating Varuna and Juniper. Time, 31½, 63¾, 1.39 and 2.4.

The CHALLENGE CUP; value 100 guineas, for China ponies; to be won two years consecutively by a pony or ponies the *bond fide* property of the same owner; weight for inches; entrance (forced) $5, but optional to subscription griffins of this season, 1892-93; first pony to receive 70 per cent.; second, 20 per cent.; and third, 10 per cent. of entrance money. One-mile-and-three-quarters.

Mr. Buxey's gr. Home Guard, 11st. 11lb.....
Mr. Master 1
Mr. Trebau's d. Bovril, 11st. 11lb..Mr. Sassoon 2
Mr. John Peel's gr. Talisman, 11st. 11lb.....
Mr. Hough 3
Mr. John Peel's gr. Solace, 1st. 11lb.....
Mr. Cruickshank 0
Mr. Taylor's gr. Freigraf, 11st. 11lb.....Owner 0

Home Guard was freely backed against the field, Bovril alone of the others appearing to have any chance on public running. To a good start Bovril cut out the work from Talisman, the favorite lying third, the other pair being outpaced from the fall of the flag. The Exchange Plate winner kept well in front for the first seven furlongs, although closely hunted by Talisman, the gallant old grey lying third, and pulling double. Half a mile from home the Ewo champion was out-paced and a few strides further Home Guard was on terms with the staying dun, and had drawn clear at the top of the straight. Bovril, hard ridden by Mr. Sassoon, struggled gamely, but his bolt was shot, and in the last quarter Mr. Buxey's game pony went clean away and won with ridiculous ease by five lengths. Talisman was an indifferent third, and the other pair were almost distanced. Time, 3 min. 53 secs.

The LADIES' PURSE, for all China ponies; weight for inches; all ponies not subscription griffins that have been placed, 3lb. extra; previous non-starters at this meeting 12lb. extra; winners, not subscription griffins, 7lb. extra; entrance $5; seven furlongs.

Mr. Cass' cr. Primrose, 11st. 11lb...Mr. Taylor 1
Mr. John Peel's gr. Merry Thought, 11st. 8lb. (incl. 7lb. ex.) Mr. Hough 2
Mr. Darius' gr. Porpoise, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Master 3
Mr. Heinrich's bk. Black Pearl, 11st. 8lb (incl. 7lb. ex) Mr. Sassoon 0
Mr. Derick-Hunter's ch. Khedive 11st. 8lb. (incl. 7lb. ex.) Mr. Midwood 0
Mr. Boyd's d. Duncraggan, 10st. 12lb.....
Mr. Marshall 0

The Derby winner was the popular 'tip' but racing experts, almost to a man, supported Merry Thought. At the third attempt Mr. John Peel's grey jumped off in front and made hot running, next the rails, from Primrose and Khedive, Porpoise being next, Duncraggan and Black Pearl following in the order named. The leader increased his advantage in the back stretch, and before the half-mile post was reached, Black Pearl, after attempting to get through at the Derby starting post, dropped clean out of the race. Primrose drew closer to the Ewo flyer coming down the hill, but the latter appeared to be 'hard held' and a certain winner. Turning into the straight Merry Thought was a good length in front, but at the mile post Primrose came with a rush and, after an exciting race home, gained the verdict by a short half length, with Porpoise a bad third. Duncraggan was fourth, Khedive fifth, and the favorite last. Time 1 min. 50¾ secs.

HONGKONG STAKES, A forced entry of $5 for all subscription griffins of this Season, 1892-93. First pony to receive 70 per cent. of the entrance money and $100 added; second pony 30 per cent.; weight for inches. Winner of German and/or Tai Yeuk Fong Cups 10-lb. extra. Winners of any other Races 5-lb. extra. One-mile-and-a-half.

Mr. J. D. Humphreys' ch. Varuna, 11st. 3lb, (incl. 5lb. ex.) Mr. Hart Buck 1
Mr. Derick-Hunter's gr. Steadfast, 11st. 8lb. (incl. 10lb. ex.) Mr. Midwood 2
Mr. John Peel's w. Onyx, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Hough 3
Mr. Hart Buck's Mervyn, 10st. 6lb.....
Mr. Crawford 0
Mr. Cruickshank's gr. Switchback, 11st. 11lb.
Owner 0
Mr. Kesteven's gr. Assyrian, 11st. (incl. 5lb ex.)
Mr. May 0
Major F. W. Robinson's gr. Faugh-a-Ballagh, 11st. 4lb.....Mr. Moore 0
Mr. White's bk. Amenable, 11st. 11lb.....
Mr. Master 0

Steadfast, notwithstanding his dual penalty, was made favorite, Amenable and Varuna having also many friends. To a poor start, Assyrian being left behind, the favorite and Amenable made running, with Varuna lying third; but before going half a mile Assyrian had rushed through his ponies and taken the lead, passing the Stand with a clear advantage. At Bowrington Bridge the leader's exertions had told the usual tale and he rapidly dropped to the rear, Varuna taking up the running from Mervyn and Onyx, with the German Cup winner in close attendance. At the village the chestnut drew farther away, but once in the straight both Onyx and Steadfast came with a rattle and a magnificent race ensued all the way down, Mr. Humphreys' pony just holding his own to the end and winning, all out, by three quarters of a length from Steadfast, only half a length dividing second and third. Time, 35, 68½, 1.45, 2.20½, 2.54, and 3.27.

The PARSEE CUP, presented, for China ponies; Second pony to receive $5; weight for inches; entrance $10; from the Black Rock twice round and in.

Mr. John Peel's gr. Vagrant, 10st. 12lb.....
Mr. Hough 1
Mr. Derick-Hunter's br. Timekeeper, 10st. 9lb.
Mr. Midwood 2
Mr. Taylor's gr. Reciprocation, 10st. 9lb.....
Mr. Maclean 3
Mr. Buxey's gr. Boldheart, 11st. 11lb.....
Mr. Crawford 0
Mr. May's gr. Tom Tit, 10st. 3lb.....Owner 0

The Ewo veteran was most in request, Reciprocation being a very popular second favorite. To an excellent start Reciprocation made strong running from Bold Heart, Timekeeper and Vagrant following close together, with Tom Tit outpaced from the fall of the flag. These positions were not materially changed until half a mile from the winning post, where Vagrant and Timekeeper challenged the leader and the trio raced hard down the hill and turned for home on fairly equal terms. Reciprocation was the first to give way, and in a close struggle to the finish the Forchow Cup winner had a trifle the best of it and won a fine race by a long neck; Reciprocation was a capital third, Bold Heart fourth, and Tom Tit beaten off. Time 5 min. 8 secs.

The GARRISON CUP; presented by the officers of the Garrison, for China ponies *bond fide* griffins at date of entry; weight for inches; previous winners at this meeting 7-lbs. extra; penalties accumulative; entrance $10; subscription griffins of this season, 1892-93, allowed 7-lbs; from two-mile post once round and in.

Mr. Buxey's g. Flashlight, 11st. 11lb.
Mr. Crawford 1
Mr. Buxey's w. Torchlight, 10st. 12lb.
Mr. Master 2
Mr. John Peel's d. Liberty, 10st. 12lb.
Mr. Hough 3
Mr. J. D. Humphreys' ch. Varuna, 11st. 5lb. (incl. 7lb. ex.) Mr. Hart Buck 0

Torchlight and Liberty were the favorites, but neither was ever in the hunt, Flashlight making the whole of the running and winning easily from his stable companion by a couple of lengths, with Liberty a poor third. The penalised "sub" was never prominent at any part of the race. Time 2 min. 22¾ secs.

The CONSOLATION STAKES, for all beaten China ponies at this meeting; weight for inches; entrance $5, with $100 added for the first pony; second pony to receive $50. Once round.

Mr. Derick-Hunter's br. Timekeeper, 10st. 9lb.
Mr. Midwood 1
Mr. Boyd's ch. Duncan, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Marshall †
Mr. George H. A. Willis' cr. Parmesan, 11st. 11lb. Dr. Meadon †
Mr. Buxey's w. Torchlight, 10st. 12lb.....
Mr. Crawford 0
Mr. Darius' g. Porpoise, 10st. 12lb.
Mr. Master 0
Mr. Henry's g. Thunderbolt, 10st. 12lb.....
Mr. Sassoon 0
Mr. John Peel's g, Guardsman, 10st. 12lb.....
Mr. Hough 0
Mr. White's g. Viper, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Hart Buck 0

Porpoise had most supporters at the *par-mutuel*, but those who knew anything about racing backed either Timekeeper or Dunoon. After a slight delay at the post Guardsman got best away and cut out the work from Dunoon and Thunderbolt, the others, with the exception of Viper, who could not live the pace, being well together. At the half-mile post the field took close order, and coming down the hill were racing neck and neck, Timekeeper being on the extreme outside. A quarter of a mile from the chair Dunoon drew clear and looked all over a winner, but once in the straight Timekeeper dashed alongside and, holding the issue safe, came along by himself and won easily by a length from Dunoon and Parmesan, who ran a dead-heat for second place. The others were beaten a long way. Time 1 min. 55¾ secs.

The CHAMPION STAKES; for all China ponies, winners at this meeting only; a forced entry; weight for inches; entrance $20; winners of two races, $30; of three or more races $50. One-mile-and-a-half.

Mr. Heinrich's bl. Black Pearl, 11st. 11lb.....
Mr. Midwood 1
Mr. Buxey's gr. Home Guard, 11st. 11lb.....
Mr. Master 2
Mr. Trebau's d. Bovril, 11st. 11lb. Mr. Maclean 3
Mr. John Peel's gr. Merry Thought, 11st. 11lb.
Mr. Hough 0
Mr. Buxey's b. Islander, 10st. 9lb.....
Mr. Crawford 0
Mr. John Peel's gr. Talisman, 11st. 11lb.....
Mr. Hart Buck 0
Mr. Cass' cr. Primrose, 11st. 11lb...Mr. Taylor 0
Mr. Trebau's d. Majestic, 11st. 7lb.....
Mr. Sassoon 0
Mr. Derick-Hunter's gr. Steadfast, 10st. 12lb.
Mr. Marshall 0

Home Guard was a pronounced favorite, but a lot of money was entrusted to Majestic and Bovril. To a capital start Majestic dashed away in front, Bovril lying next, with Home Guard on the dun's quarters and the others in a cluster. The pace was very fast from the start, and Majestic quickly established a lead of four lengths, passing the Stand with this advantage, his stable companion still being second and the favorite third. On the far side Majestic commenced to come back to his field, and by the time the Black Rock was reached held out signals of distress. Coming down the hill Home Guard was pioneer, with Bovril, Primrose and Merry Thought as his nearest attendants, the Derby winner alone of the others having the ghost of a chance. A quarter of a mile from home Merry Thought and Primrose dropped away, and Home Guard raced into the straight just in front of Bovril, who was being hard ridden, next the rails. A tremendous tussle took place until inside the distance, where the old grey obtained a slight advantage and seemed to have the race in hand, when Black Pearl suddenly came with a wet sail on the outside and catching the Challenge Cup winner in the very last stride, won a magnificent race by a short head, with Bovril beaten a length for third place. Primrose was a good fourth and the others nowhere. Time, 3 min. 12½ secs.

The NIL DESPERANDUM STAKES; for all beaten subscription griffins of this season, 1892-93; entrance $5, with $50 added, for the first pony; second pony to receive $30; weight for inches; half-a mile.

Mr. John Peel's gr. Juniper, 10st. 12lb.....
Mr. Hough 1
Mr. Buxey's gr. Colonist, 11st. 4lb. Mr. Master 2
Mr. Derick-Hunter's gr. Choice, 10st. 12lb...
Mr. Midwood 3
Mr. Cruickshank's gr. Switchback, 11st. 11lb...
Owner 0
Mr. Derick-Hunter's cr. Hoax, 11st. 11lb.....
Mr. Marshall 0
Major Robinson's gr Faugh-a-Ballagh, 11st... 4lb. Capt. Moore 0
Mr. Quartet's br. Fiction, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Coutts 0
Mr. Jay's cr. Motor, 10st. 12lb.....Mr. Gedge 0
Mr. White's bl. Amenable, 11st. 11lb.....
Mr. Hart Buck 0
Capt. Thomas' b. Stonehenge, 11st. 11lb.....
Mr. Crawford 0
Mr. John Peel's wh. Onyx, 11st. 11lb...Mr. May 0
Mr. Taylor's gr. Free Trade, 10st. 12lb. Owner 0

Amenable, Colonist and Juniper were all smartly supported. After a short delay the flag dropped to a medium start, Colonist and Juniper getting best away, and the latter, obtaining the lead going down the incline, maintained it to the end and won easily by a length from Mr. Buxey's grey, with Choice a good third. Time, 62 secs.

OFF DAY,—MONDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY.

The MAFOOS' RACE, for all Beaten Ponies; once round; weight, 10st.; 1st prize, $20; 2nd prize, $10; third prize, $5; entrance $5.

Mr. Boyd's ro. Dunoon.....Mouse 1
Mr. John Peel's d. Liberty.....Tientsin 2
Mr. Taylor's gr. Freigraf.....Azaf 3
Mr. Buxey's gr. Torchlight.....Punch 0
Mr. White's bl. Amenable.....Atoo 0
Mr. Derick-Hunter's cr. Hoax...Chang Hing 0
Mr. Darius' gr. Porpoise.....Mankee 0
Mr. Derick-Hunter's gr. Choice.....A Pat 0

Amenable cut out the running in front of Liberty, Dunoon lying third, the rest of the field following in close order. Going along the back stretch the two leaders drew away about six lengths, but Dunoon, hard ridden, gradually got closer up and at the village there was little to choose between Liberty, Freigraf, (who had come through with a rush) Dunoon, and Torchlight, inside the distance the Ewo pony looked a certain winner, but "Mouse," next the rails, came like a flash in the final fifty yards and won an exciting race by a neck; same between second and third. Time 1 min. 59½ secs.

The STEADFAST CUP, presented by Mr. Derick-Hunter; for Subscription Griffins that have run and not been placed during the meeting; weight for inches. Once round; entrance, $5; to go to Second Pony.

Mr. Quintet's br. Fiction, 10st. 12lb.....
Mr. Midwood 1
Mr. Littlejohn's gr. Blooming Heather, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Maclean 2
Mr. Cruickshank's gr. Switchback, 11st. 11lb...
Mr. May 3
Mr. Jay's cr. Motor, 10st. 12lb. Mr. Hart Buck 0
Major Robinson's gr. Faugh-a-Ballagh and Switchback, Blooming Heather quickly dropping into the rear. There was little alteration in these positions until after passing the Black Rock, from which historic landmark Blooming Heather commenced to rapidly overhaul his field, and by the time the straight was entered had almost got on terms. Fiction maintained his lead all the way down, but when within a few strides of the winning post, Mr. Maclean brought up the outsider with a tremendous rush and only missed victory by a short head; Switchback was a good third. Time, 2min. 7secs.

The BLACK PEARL CUP; presented by H. Hopplus, Esq; for all beaten ponies; subscription griffins allowed 7lbs. One-mile-and-a-quarter; entrance fee, $5, to go to second pony.

Mr. Henry's gr. Thunderbolt 10st. 12lb.....
Mr. Hart Buck 1
Mr. Willis's cr. Parmesan, 11st. 11lb.....
Mr Taylor 2
Mr. Buxey's gr. Bold Heart, 11st. 11lb.....
Mr. Master 3
Mr. Boyd's d. Duncraggan, 10st. 12lb.
Mr. Midwood 0

Duncraggan was best in demand, pressed closely by Bold Heart. The favorite and Parmesan made joint running for six furlongs, when the former was beaten and dropped away last, the others racing in close company to the top of the straight, where Mr. Hart Buck made his effort on Thunderbolt and, leading to the finish, won easily by a length from last year's Valley Stakes winner; Bold Heart was a bad third. Time, 2 min. 45½ secs.

The MAFOOS' CHAMPIONS, for winners only. One-mile-and-a-quarter; weight, 10st.; 1st prize, $25; 2nd prize, $15; 3rd prize, $5; entrance $5.

Mr. Trebau's d. Majestic.....Tientsin 1
Mr. Derick-Hunter's br. Timekeeper.....
Chung Kung 2
Mr. John Peel's gr. Talisman.....Sin Tientsin 3
Mr. Buxey's b. Islander.....Punch 0
Mr. Derick-Hunter's ch. Khedive.....Apal 0

Majestic was made an odds-on favorite, and after waiting on his opponents until three furlongs from the winning post, he came right away and won in a canter from Timekeeper by three lengths, with Talisman a bad third. Time, 2 min. 30½ secs.

The JOHN PEEL CUP, presented, for ponies that have run at this meeting and not won a race; weight for inches as per scale; subscription griffins of 1893 allowed 5lbs., other ponies to carry 14lbs. extra; winners on the fourth day excluded; from the two-mile post once round and in; entrance $5, to go to the second pony.

Mr. Buxey's gr. Torchlight, 11st. 12lb.....
Mr. Master 1
Mr. Buxey's gr. Colonist, 10st. 13lb. Mr. May 2
Mr. Taylor's gr. Free Trade, 10st. 10lb...Owner 3
Mr. Derick Hunter's cr. Hoax, 10st. 11lb.....
Mr. Midwood 0
Mr. Hart Buck's gr. Mervyn, 10st. 11lb.....
Mr. Humphreys 0
Mr. White's bl. Amenable, 10st. 10lb.....
Mr. Hart Buck 0

Torchlight was generally fancied in spite of his heavy weight and, carefully nursed by Mr. Master, he came through his field a quarter of a mile from the chair and won in a canter from his stable companion, the subscription griffin Colonist, who was a neck in front of Free Trade. Time, 2 min. 28¾ secs.

The HONGKONG STEEPLE CHASE; value $50; to go to the rider of the winning pony; from the Black Rock once round and in; catch weights over 11 stone; previous winners of a Steeplechase 14lbs. extra. Entrance $5, to go to the rider of the second pony.

Mr. White's Viper 12st. (14lb. ex.)
Mr. Hart Buck 1
Mr. Cruickshank's Go Bang, 11st. 4lb...Owner 2
Mr. Manner's gr. Echo, 11st.....Mr. Maclean 0
Mr. John Peel's gr. Solace, 11st...Mr. Landale 0
Mr. John Peel's gr. Onyx, 11st.....Mr. Taylor 0
Mr. May's Tom Tit, 11st.....Owner 0

Solace got away with a long lead and made the running from Go Bang and Viper, Echo bringing up the rear. The water-jump was safely negotiated by all excepting Echo, who tried to baulk the fence and, jumping short, fell on his head, with the result that Mr. Maclean dislocated his shoulder and narrowly escaped more serious injuries. Solace led the way until nearing the Rock, where Viper was rushed alongside, Tom Tit having been pulled up by Mr. May owing to breaking down badly. Solace held a slight advantage on turning for home, but the top weight got on terms half-way down and the pair rose at the final fence together. Viper got safely over and passed the judge an easy winner, but Solace came to grief and gave Mr. Landale a severe shaking. Go Bang encompassed the course and was placed second.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column].

"ULSTER WILL FIGHT."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR,—As an Irishman may I ask what is the meaning of the above? We may take it for granted that it does not include the 750,000 Catholics, who are all Nationalist. To be more concise, here are the figures according to the last Census:—Roman Catholic, 744,353; all other denominations, including Jews and those refusing information, 873,534. Nationalists all desire that Religious questions should as much as possible be kept clear, but if "Ulster will fight" means that despite Acts of Parliament, Constitutional Government, etc., the Orangemen are to impose their sweet will on the rest of the population, then there will undoubtedly be a fight in Ulster and as stiff a one as ever they took a hand in, I promise them! When people speak of Ulster they should remember that there is another Ulster besides the West British Garrison. Ulster was Represented by 17 Nationalist members out of 32 in the last parliament, though through an unfortunate split two seats have been lost—West Belfast and Londonderry City where Mr. McCarthy was beaten by 36 votes.

With many apologies,
Your obedient servant,
IRISH NATIONALIST.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1893.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

ROME, February 2nd.

The Chamber of Deputies has assented to the prosecution of Government to prosecute Signor Deserbi for receiving a bribe to promote the sanctioning by parliament of the renewal of the privileges enjoyed by the Banc Romana.

LONDON, February 3rd.

Great Britain and Russia are now discussing the Pamirs question. No convention has been made with Russia in respect to Afghanistan subsequent to 1873, the scope of which is one of the points now under discussion.

Mr. G. E. Russell, Under-Secretary for India, replying to a question put by Mr. Hosier in the commons last night, said the Government were considering what steps to take for the further restriction of the consumption of opium in India.

In reply to a question from Sir Seymour King, Mr. Russell said that Government were considering the case of civil and military servants of the Government in India, and that the exchange fixed at fourteen pence and three farthings would possibly be re-calculated. The India Council, he said, were now discussing the whole question.

The death is announced of the Right Hon. Sir W. Barttelot, Conservative member for the North-West division of Sussex.

BOMBAY, February 3rd.

The Thakore of Mahlia, in whose territory the conflict with dacoits occurred in which Lieut. Gordon and two policemen were killed, has been suspended by order of the Government, on the ground of the general inefficiency of his administration.

NOTES FROM CHINESE PAPERS.

A batch of thirty young persons under a deputy of the Wuchang Cotton Cloth Mill have arrived in Shanghai. The young men were sent by the Wuchang authorities to learn the manufacture of cloth by machinery at the Shanghai Cotton Cloth Mill.

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On the 23rd the *Hupao* published a leader dwelling upon the importance of organising fairs or shows periodically, so that the farmers, artisans, and others might exhibit their articles and wares. The writer described the constitution of these shows in countries abroad, and explained the objects and the uses of such exhibitions.

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The Northern and Southern portions of Chinese Turkestan being adjacent to powerful neighbours, Governor T'ao and the T'san K'ain of Ili have memorialised the Throne requesting the Government to send five officers and sixty soldiers who understand the manipulation of modern weapons, that they may instruct the forces there. The Emperor has given orders to despatch the desired number of officers and soldiers belonging to the "Shingki Ying." The corps will start for the frontier in the second moon, to give instruction to their less skilled brothers.

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On February 22nd there appeared an article on the importance of undertaking stock-farming. In this the writer, after alluding to the fact that in the past this industry prospered, pointed to its advantages, and in illustrating what large profits could be realised from the enterprise, the revenue derived from this branch of industry by the people of the United States was mentioned. The writer contended that if the enterprise were undertaken and carried on according to foreign plans, great gains could be assured, and by means of machinery tinned milk, butter, and preserved meat could be put up, whilst from the fleece of the sheep, flannels, felt, and other material could be manufactured. Thus a new branch of business could be introduced to add wealth to the nation.

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A Prince of the Imperial family, while on a journey to Peking last year, encountered a number of highwaymen who disputed with him the right of way. The Prince, accompanied by only one attendant, was on horseback in advance of the caravan composed of the members of the royal family. On his arriving at a place named Sat'un the brigands intercepted him. The Prince mildly addressed the brigands and told the guard not to resist them but to allow them to help themselves. With this the Prince lashed his steed and started off on his way into the city. On the caravan arriving at that point the guard transmitted the orders which the Prince had left; thereupon the people of the caravan left their goods and baggage at the spot. After reaching Peking the incident was reported to the Throne, and an edict was issued enjoining upon the Shuntien Prefect to arrest the band of robbers, who had the audacity to plunder the goods of an Imperial prince.

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Among the enterprising people of this country, the topics treated in the leading articles of the *Hupao* during the last few days cannot fail to excite great interest, and exercise a most salutary influence. If the steps advocated were earnestly studied and acted upon by the people, immense benefits would result not only to a few but to the country at large. On the 20th Feb. in an article headed "The usefulness of foreign imported articles," foreign-made articles which are in daily use by Chinese were enumerated, from the greater inventions of the age, such as steamers, telegraphs, and modern machines, to the smallest product of the foreign factories, such as needles and matches. It was pointed out why these articles of foreign manufacture are preferred to the old-fashioned Chinese things, and how gradually the wares of former times are disappearing and being supplanted by the new. In evidence of the extended use of imported articles the increase of shops doing business in the same was pointed out, while stores selling Chinese wares, it said, are gradually decreasing in number year by year. The reason it gave was that the foreign-made articles are more suited to the use for which they are intended. In conclusion, the staples of commerce in this country are mentioned, viz., tea and silk. It says that if reformatory measures could be adopted in these enterprises, and if extra care were taken in their preparation, the demand for them would naturally increase and great profit could be made.

SIAM NOTES.

Bangkok, February 17th.

Mr. Brockmann is expected here on Saturday by the *Maha Vajiranhis*. Mr. Kempermann, German Minister-Resident, and Mr. Bethge, Director-General of Siamese State Railways, together with two German engineers are expected by the same boat.

Mr. Holt, nephew of Mr. Alfred Holt of shipping fame, has been staying as Mr. Weber's guest for the last few days. Yesterday he left in company with Mr. Page for a few days' shooting up country, after which he will leave for Europe. Improvement in the Blue Funnel fleet is his object in the East.

It has been resolved to form a Bangkok Cricket Club, and with this object there was a general meeting held at the United Club on Wednesday. The Club ground will be situated in the Oriental Avenue, and from its convenient position Club practices ought to be well attended and the Club flourish like a green bay tree.

Mr. Siegal, a German, who arrived here a month ago from Singapore with the object of starting in business, has succeeded in his endeavour, and a much felt want has been supplied in the city by the opening of a new hotel called the *Alhambra*. The new establishment is being steadily patronised, and from what we have seen of the place, the enterprising owner is determined to keep it fully abreast of the requirements of the times.

We learn that up to date 123 European British subjects have been registered at the British Consulate; an increase of eleven subjects over the corresponding period of last year. There are about 20 more as yet unregistered, and the defaulters would do well to register themselves without any further delay. Every year sees some 25 to 30 British residents leave the country and new-comers arrive to replace them. We

understand that approximately there are no less than 10,000 British subjects, other than Europeans, resident in Siam.

There is every prospect, we understand, that the first tin mining company in Siam will within a few days, or perhaps hours, have been duly started and have commenced operations. Numerous obstacles have as usual beset the scheme, and no description of misrepresentation of facts and figures have been spared to render it abortive. It will therefore be the more to the credit of the shareholders, who are mostly Siamese of high positions, if they should make a success of the venture and prove that Siam is not altogether distanced in the race by the Tin Companies under British protection in neighbouring states.—*Free Press.*

NEWCHWANG.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

31st January, 1893.

The news from the North is not of a very quieting nature. We hear that at Kuên-chêngtze the merchants and traders closed their hongs to business on the 21st of January in consequence of a tax which the authorities are endeavouring to levy upon all imported goods. The "strike" has been impending for a month and now that it has taken place, there must be trouble soon unless one or other of the contending parties gives way. We are inclined to the belief that it is an attempted "squeeze" on the part of the local mandarins. Every shop in the whole city is closed, presenting the appearance of Chinese New Year. Crowds of people surround the *yamêns* and are collected in the streets, armed patrols are at the principal crossings, and the temper of the natives makes it perilous for one to go about. Then the beggars are swarming over the place, and as the daily dole from the soup kitchen *(Chên Kuo)* is suspended, the fear generally is that they may help themselves. Such a commotion has not happened in Kuênchêngtze for thirty years, and the effect now on business prospects must be very disastrous, as the last month of the year is the very time when many recoup themselves for losses during the previous part of the season.

I cannot tell you what the new tax amounts to exactly, for it would be spread probably over any number of articles, but traders say that it will *treble* the present rate of taxation, and if persevered in will ruin the place. The mandarins will have to give way eventually, as they have had to do here (at this port) more than once, for no trade means no revenue, and they have found out that a small tax, if fair, pays better than an unfair big tax—seeing that the latter cannot be collected for want of business. As a rule the Chinese traders are the most sensible and peaceable people in the world but "a worm will turn" and when they object to anything they are usually in the right and will have their way. My experience is that they invariably get their way not simply because they are strong and determined but because they are right. Before they assert such right they have been considerably squeezed, you may be sure, and cannot stand the oppression any longer.

The cold is not so severe as it was, and the thermometer shows a minimum of zero to 2/3 degrees above. Everything is quiet in the port, but *on dit* that the C.M.S.N. Company have bought what is known as the "Guild" compound, which foreigners have tried to acquire for at least thirty years. If the Government allow the place to be built upon now, the public of Newchwang will be rather surprised, as the property, especially the bund, has been made entirely by the residents, and at a great expense from first to last. The right of way from the British Settlement to the Custom House will be stopped, and a public thoroughfare which has never been interfered with, and which for so many years has been looked upon as the "Bund," will be taken away from us, unless our Consuls and the Commissioner of Customs come to the rescue. Two years ago, we believe, the property was actually bought by an agent of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire but the contract was upset. There are two tablets on the bund, put there, we understand, by order of the Tsungli Yamên, notifying that the ground can never be used for building. Is it possible that the Emperor of China will allow it to go forth that his own edict is a lie? This is strong language, but I maintain that if the edict, as shown on the tablets, is not fully carried out, then a proclamation supposed to emanate from the Emperor is worthless; deception, in fact.—*N. C. Daily News.*

TIENTSIN.

("N. C. DAILY NEWS" CORRESPONDENT.)

January 30th, 1893.

This has been the coldest winter we have had for many years. After re-opening, to which I referred as probable in a former letter, and remaining open ten or twelve days, the river closed again very suddenly, since which time there has been no let-up in the cold. The ice is very solid and clear, and 12 to 14 inches thick, and the stock of ice now being stored for the coming summer the finest that has been cut for a number of years. On the 17th, there came down upon us "like the wolf on the fold," a severe blow from the North which lasted for six days—double the usual time—filled the atmosphere with dust which penetrated into every crack and cranny, and made outdoor movements exceedingly disagreeable. We have also had two considerable snow-storms, the large, light flakes descending in an irregular, slow, lazy sort of fashion instead of rapidly as though charged with a weighty message, and remaining on the ground before melting for some days, which indicates the dry, crisp, bracing atmosphere with which we are being blessed this winter, and recalling the winters of fifteen or twenty years ago. It should be a good preparation for a healthy spring and summer. There is not the usual amount of pond-water about us, and much of it will have disappeared by freezing and absorption before the hot weather arrives.

With the exception of colds, the health of the foreign community has been good thus far. Among the Chinese there has been a large amount of sickness, largely caused by their lack of knowledge and care in regard to the conditions of health, aggravated doubtless by the severe cold, against which they have not sufficient protection in a great many cases. The Chinese so-called benevolent societies are only playing at relief. We have heard of a few places relieved, where a small measure of grain was given to each person for the entire winter, which, exhausted their funds, it was said; this does not at all tally with the general belief that a much larger amount was granted for relieving distress than has been used. The fact is that much of the territory surrounding Tientsin which was inundated two years ago, was again flooded last fall. In the meantime, what between locusts and more recent river-breaks, there has been the merest shadow of a crop since, so that in some villages there is even greater distress than two years ago. And the worst of it all is, that these annual calamities could be almost entirely prevented by the proper and honest expenditure of sums of money not exceeding what is now annually appropriated.

In addition to the great saving of life that would result, agriculture would be greatly promoted and the revenue largely increased. Present waterways need to be deepened; old ones need to be cleared out and re-opened; and many new ones need to be constructed—all in accordance with scientific principles. There is good reason to believe that if one-fourth or one-third of the land was dug out to make carefully laid out water-courses, and spread over the remaining land, this great plain would become one vast garden of production, the prosperity and happiness of the people would be immensely increased, and the revenue be greatly enhanced; while the annual expenditure would become a gradually decreasing quantity, under honest administration. For then the excessive rainfall could all be discharged without overflow, and the waterways would provide for irrigation during the dry season. Water is found all over the plain at a varying depth of about eight to twelve feet and, in many localities, hundreds of acres are made productive by the spring and early summer irrigation from wells. Hence these channels for the surplus rainwater, properly constructed as to depth, direction, and connections, would never be devoid of water with which to irrigate in the time of drought. Then their banks could be preserved from rapid erosion by being planted with reeds and osier willows, both of which would minister to wealth; and the scraping up of the silt and spreading it on the surface of the land, as is done in the lake region between this and Paoting Fu, would greatly add to the fertility of the soil. In this region, a practical illustration may be seen on a small scale of what is suggested above, and of what might be produced over a large part if not all this vast plain.

About a year ago, as some will remember, negotiations were in progress, between the Tientsin officials and the American Methodists in regard to their chapel in the city. These were terminated by the officials agreeing to provide another site which should be acceptable to the Mission, and paying a certain sum of money, while the Mission agreed to give up their present site and buildings after a period of eleven months. An acceptable new site was provided last autumn, and recently the officials began to agitate for the transfer of the old property to them before the expiration of the time agreed upon. This was happily effected a few days ago, four months in advance of the date assigned, and the last payment of the sum of money agreed upon made. Under date of January the 28th, the gentleman who acted as mediary in the negotiations, in reporting to the mission the exchange of papers and the receipt of the money balance, said, in writing to the representative of the mission here: "The officials desired me to express to your Mission their gratification at the prompt and friendly settlement now completed. I believe it will tend to a kindlier feeling on the part of the officials and gentry here towards Christian work, and in this way alone will justify the accommodating and conciliatory spirit shown by the Mission in yielding as you have done."

NEWS AND GOSSIP.

Brigandage is on the increase in Sicily.

The autograph quilt craze has struck England.

The French still fight, on an average 4,000 duels a year.

In the French infantry it is said there are 12,660 officers.

It is reported that forty-five centenarians died in England last year.

American hardware is driving the English product out of South Africa.

An electric railway from St. Petersburg to Archangel is being planned.

There was an excess of 10,000 deaths over births in France during 1892.

The Ladies' Club of Sydney is the only one in that city which is free from debt.

Physicians are now experimenting with frog lymph as a preventive of hydrophobia.

The emigrants who left German ports for the United States in 1892 numbered 108,820.

The city of Lubeck, in Germany, is preparing to celebrate this year its 750th anniversary.

New Zealand has set apart two islands for the preservation of wild birds and other animals.

The Boston *Globe* says: It looks as if the backbone of the great coal combine has been broken.

Of 184,382 recruits received into the German Army and Navy recently only 824 could not read or write.

Steps are being taken in the three Indian Presidencies to improve the recruiting for the native armies.

Women will not be allowed in the galleries of the House of Commons any more except on special occasions.

The London *Times* told its readers not long ago that Mr. Cleveland was hunting in the Adirondacks in Mexico.

There are 100,000 pickpockets in London, and each one of them knows an American almost the moment he sees him.

The Prussian budget was expected to show a deficiency of 3,000,000 marks, due to decrease of incomes from railways.

The Bonapartists are even weaker than the Bourbons. The French Republic is fortunate in having imbecile enemies only.

The quarantine authorities of Victoria, Australia, recently cremated the body of a Chinese leper as a measure of safety.

The Paris Municipal Counsel has asked the Prefecture to prepare a scheme for making the gas supply of the city a municipal monopoly.

The Emperor of Germany's last official act before the closing of the year 1892 was to sign the death warrant of a woman convicted of murder.

Rome is losing its ancient charm very rapidly as modern buildings spring up, and many monuments are being restored or cleared away altogether.

Eiffel seems to have got more than his share of the Panama boodle. He owns up to having received $6,500,000. It was charged up to "machinery."

By the conditions of the Franco-Russian convention, each country is to hold itself in readiness to place 1,200,000 soldiers in the field in case of war.

The Chinese Minister at St. Petersburg has notified the Russian Government that China will regard any further advance by Russia in the Pamir region as a very serious matter.

It is said that there are in Greece over 100 convicted murderers awaiting execution. When a Greek with a watch meets a Greek who wants it there is apt to be a tug of war that ends in murder.

A new luminous fungus has been forwarded from Tahiti to Europe. It is said to emit at night a light resembling that of the glow-worm, which it retains for a period of twenty-four hours after having been gathered.

New plans have been made for the projected bridge across the English Channel, and the promoters will apply to Parliament this session for powers to go ahead with its construction at an estimated cost of £35,000,000.

One of the scenic novelties in a London pantomime was a "tableau curtain of crystal prisms," held together by twenty-four miles of wire and illuminated by electric lights. It is said to have been marvelously effective.

Plans have been submitted to the Pope for the construction at Rome of a cathedral on the Monteveicule to equal St. Peter's in some respects, to cost $20,000,000 and to be paid for by contributions from Catholics throughout the world.

The Pope has created something of a stir in church and Government circles in Rome by canceling an order, which has been long in vogue, prohibiting Italian Army officers in uniform from visiting the Observatory at the Vatican.

After a summer and autumn abnormally healthy the death rate in London suddenly almost doubled. Since the new year opened the mortality is above 30 per 1,000, the increase being almost entirely confined to diseases of the respiratory organs.

An interesting piece of information brought out during the Brussels Conference is the fact that there are at present no less than $100,000,000 of counterfeit silver money in circulation in France, Belgium Switzerland, Italy, Spain and Portugal.

It is thought the British Government will withdraw funds enough from the Land Purchase Commission to compulsorily purchase portions of estates from obstinate landlords, with enough to make loans to evicted tenants to enable them to start farms anew.

Dr. Kohn (or Cohen), the poor canon, son of Israelite peasants who was recently raised to the richest Archbishopric in Europe, that of Olmutz, went to meet his father and mother at the railroad station, where he kissed their hands in lowly humility and affection, and has installed them in his episcopal palace.

King Leopold of Belgium, who has been on one of his periodic visits to London, is reported to have spent a great deal of his spare time making a round of the music halls—a proceeding which did not increase the harmony between himself and his English relations.

At Swaffham Prior, near Cambridge, where coins dating back to 22 A.D. are said to have been found, the foundations of Roman villas have been unearthed. They have the usual elaborate system of sub-cellar heating with hot-air passages. So far the most interesting find of objects consists of pieces of fine glass like window-glass."

To-day's Advertisements.

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 525.

A REGULAR MEETING of the above LODGE will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 1st March, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.

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"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Steamship

"RADNORSHIRE,"

Captain F. Davies, R.N.R., will be despatched as above on or about THURSDAY, the 9th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1893. [284

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SINGAPORE, HAVRE, LONDON, HAMBURG AND ANTWERP.

THE Steamship

"CARDIGANSHIRE,"

Captain E. Sincock, will be despatched as above on or about the 15th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1893. [179

NOTICE.

HONGKONG ODD VOLUMES.

THE FIRST MEETING of the above will be held at the HONGKONG HOTEL, TO-MORROW (THURSDAY) EVENING, at 9 o'clock, when the Presidential address will be delivered, and several important matters discussed.

Social features will be introduced.

Everyone desirous of joining the Society is invited.

SIDNEY JEFFREY, Hon. Sec.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1893. [281

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S HOTEL on THURSDAY, the 16th March, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts of the Company to 31st December, 1892, with the Report of the Directors, and to discuss any matters that may competently be brought before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED, from 2nd to 16th March, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

R. LYALL, Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1893. [283

NOTICE.

THE STEAM-LAUNCH COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SEVENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, 2, Pedder Street, on THURSDAY, the 16th March, 1893, at 4 P.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1892.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 2nd to 16th instant, both days inclusive.

M. S. NORTHCOTE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1893. [285

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. M. NAVAL STORE-KEEPER, to Sell by

PUBLIC AUCTION

ON

WEDNESDAY, the 8th day of March, 1893, AT NOON,

at H. M. NAVAL YARD,

SUNDRY NAVAL AND VICTUALLING CONDEMNED STORES,

Comprising:—

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&c. &c. &c.

TERMS OF SALE:—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1893. [287

NOTICE.

MR. OTTO GSCHWIND has been AUTHORIZED to Sign our FIRM per Procuration from this date.

RADECKER & Co.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1893. [180

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

LADY ROBINSON will be AT HOME to receive VISITORS from 4 to 6 P.M. on March 7th and 21st.

J. T. STERLING, A. D. C.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1893. [282

HONGKONG SMOKING CONCERT CLUB.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

THE NEXT CONCERT will be held on SATURDAY, March 4th, at 9.15 P.M., in the THEATRE ROYAL.—Major H. FAITHFULL, Hongkong Regiment, in the Chair.

Members are reminded that they MUST shew Membership Tickets at the door.

JAMES A. LOWSON, Hon. Sec.

Hongkong, 1st March, 1893. [286

Hotels.

WINDSOR HOTEL,

(In Connaught Buildings),

QUEEN'S ROAD, HONGKONG.

THE Private Hotel heretofore carried on in WINDSOR HOUSE has now been removed to CONNAUGHT HOUSE.

Cuisine under European management. Each Bed-room has its own Bath-room, Hot and Cold water. Passenger Elevator to all Floors.

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Special Rates for Families or Permanent Boarders. Offices and Rooms to let Unfurnished, and Rooms with or without Board, by day or month. Apply at the Office, No. 37, 3rd Floor.

Hongkong, 23rd August, 1892. [25

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THIS commodious and well appointed HOTEL, situated at a height of 1,250 feet above sea-level, having been Leased by the Proprietors of the "VICTORIA HOTEL," is NOW OPEN and will be run in conjunction with their HOTEL in Queen's Road, thus enabling them to offer special inducements to Visitors and Residents.

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The Rates for BOARD and LODGING during the Winter Months, from November 1st to March 31st, have been reduced as follows:—

One person, one month	$50.00
Married couple (occupying one room) per month	85.00
One person per day	2.50
Married couple per day	3.50

For full particulars apply to

VICTORIA HOTEL.

Hongkong, 25th October, 1892. [225

BAY VIEW HOTEL.

MR. OSBORNE begs to remind the Public that every possible arrangement has been made for the comfort and convenience of Visitors to this popular Summer Resort. "BAY VIEW" occupies the best situation on the Shau-ki-wan Road, commands an excellent view of the Harbour, and is always open to the cool breezes from the Southward. Steam-launches can at any time come alongside the jetty adjoining the spacious lawn.

The Cuisine is unrivalled in Hongkong, and only the best Brands of Wines, Spirits, Cigars, etc., are kept in stock. Private Dinners or Tiffins prepared in First-class style on the shortest notice, and Meals can be served at all hours.

Hongkong, 2nd May, 1892. [480

THE BOA VISTA HOTEL.

BISHOP'S BAY, MACAO.

THIS HOTEL is situated on the sea shore in one of the best and healthiest parts of Macao, and commands an admirable view facing the South. Its accommodation is unsurpassed in the Far East.

Every comfort is provided for Visitors, with an excellent Cuisine, and Wines, Spirits and Malt Liquors of the best brands.

Hot, Cold, Shower and Sea Water Baths. Large and well Ventilated Dining, Billiard and Reading Rooms, and is well supplied Bar.

A small Dairy is attached to the premises.

MRS. MARIA B. DOS REMEDIOS, Proprietress.

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THE SHAMEEN HOTEL.

BRITISH CONCESSION, CANTON.

THIS FIRST CLASS HOTEL, admirably situated within a few minutes walk of the River Steamer Wharves, is now open to receive Visitors.

The Bed-rooms are cool, airy and comfortably furnished, and the spacious Dining Room, Sitting Rooms, and accommodation generally will be found equal to the best Hotels in the Far East.

The Table D'Hôte is supplied with every luxury in season, and the cuisine is in experienced hands.

Wines, Spirits, Malt Liquors, etc., of the best quality only.

A WELL APPOINTED BILLIARD-ROOM.

A. F. DO ROZARIO, Manager.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1892. [27

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